

CIVIC LEADER WINS DEFAMATION SUIT

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Civic leader Sayed-Iqbal Mohamed was yesterday awarded R5 000 in damages by the High Court, Durban, after he was found to have been defamed by Yusuf Deedat, secretary general of the Islamic Propagation Centre International.

Mr. Mohamed (43) sued Mr. Deedat for R150 000 following an article in a daily newspaper which implied he did not keep proper records of funds collected by his body, the Organisation of Civic Rights (OCR).

Mr. Deedat also alleged in the article that he, Mr. Mohamed, used the facilities of the OCR for his "own personal egotistic objectives".

Mr. Justice Page ruled in favour of Mr. Mohamed and awarded him damages of R5 000 with costs.